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**(57) Abrégé :** Effeuilleuse plus spécialement destinée à l'effeuillage de la vigne, comprenant au moins une tête d'effeuillage (1), comportant un tambour rotatif à claire-voie (2), un moyen d'aspiration (47) permettant de générer un flux d'air aspirant traversant la paroi latérale cylindrique ajourée dudit tambour, et un moyen (5, 9) pour canaliser ce flux d'air à travers une portion changeante de ladite paroi latérale, caractérisée en ce qu'un moyen de coupe (48) est installé à proximité de ladite portion de paroi latérale du tambour aspirant tournant (2) et orienté parallèlement ou sensiblement parallèlement à l'axe de rotation de ce dernier, une chenille de guidage (41) constituée par un tapis sans fin à claire-voie s'enroulant, d'une part, sur le tambour aspirant tournant (2), et, d'autre part, sur un deuxième tambour (42) disposé en avant dudit tambour aspirant.